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Dear Hal:

I'll try to keep this as brief as possible.

I'm enclosing copies of articles, etc. which, of course, you can keep. There was an article (today) by Lardner on the CIA & the JFK files. I presume you have the Wash. Post story on it. A copy of the S.F. Chronicle article is enclosed.

You'll note, also, the article appearing in the S.F. Chronicle on the CIA and its involvement in business. Although it doesn't relate to the JFK affair, I think you'll find it useful.

Also enclosed is stuff sent me by Prof. Jerry Rose who publishes "The Third Decade" which, as you probably are aware of devoted to research on the JFK assassination. I'll have an article in the Jan-March 1992 issue on Oswald & the "defector" program. I'll send you a copy of it - I'd like your comments on it. I'm also preparing an article for a future issue on Oswald as "informant" (it's not yet completed). It'll use material you put in the Whitewash series but goes beyond it. I think I've discovered things about this no one has looked into. Again, I'll send a copy (when it gets

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published). I'd like your evaluation of it because I believe my evidence is fairly solid. You'll know what I mean when you see the article.

Prof. Rose has designated me as a "convenor" to get a group going interested in reopening files on JFK. I'll "convene" for the Northern California & S.F. area. If you get a chance tell Jim Lesar I know he'd be interested. Although I've subscribed to his group I've yet to receive anything from him. I think it's important we stay in touch.

I gave two talks here in the Bayarea on the JFK affair & discussed the Stone movie. I took a highly critical stance on it & was given some "heat" because of my position. They thought I was "nit-picking" the errors in the film & failing to "recognize" the great "merit" in what Stone is doing. In fact Ralph Schoenman called me up from Santa Barbara. Apparently one of his cohorts had heard me speak. (Refer to Schoenman's article I sent you in my last letter in a publication known as "The Organizer". The "Organizer" is a new publication of an organization that split from the Trotskyist party which publishes "Socialist Action". There are now 3 splinter groups each publishing its own newspaper. The "Militant" is the original & the "Socialist Action" second & now "The Organizer").

I told Schoenman that there were errors in his article (such as the Ruby-Nixon House/Mramerican bit & that Ruby & Oswald both had P.O. Boxes in New Orleans). But what really griped me was his derogatory references to you. He said he had appeared with you & others on a panel (New York?) & that you had trashed other researchers & writers. I then pointed out that you had offered your services to Oliver Stone in Feb. of last year & never got a reply.

By the way when I gave my talk (in S.F.) I dedicated my presentation to you & other serious researchers who, I said, were the "unsung heros" of this whole affair. I mentioned Bob Ranftel by name also. (By the way, I was incorrect when I wrote you that Ranftel died after collapsing on his motorcycle. Paul Hoch told me Ranftel owned a bike not a motorcycle. The reason I said it was a motorcycle was that my original source said it was & I merely repeated to you what he told me. Paul Hoch is still going over the stuff Ranftel left behind. (Please note the Ranftel article on his death—Tom Sanders gave me the story on it).

I understand from Prof. Wrone you did a taping for a German TV program. Hope it went well. Wrone told me he's been very busy appearing on different programs.

Better close now before this gets too long! Best,

Hal